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SUBJECT: STAR TRON SCOPES

REF: PARIS 14297

1. EDO CALLED ON MR. STARKMANN AT REGIE MONCEAU ON JULY 21. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO REMIND HIM OF REQUIREMENT FOR HIS LIST OF CUSTOMERS PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF SCOPES. HE STATED THAT SMITH AND WESSON WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING FINANCING TO OPEN PRODUCTION LINE NEEDED TO FILL THIS ORDER. ACCORDING TO STARKMANN, HE WAS ASKED FOR 2.5 MILLION DOLLAR ADVANCE PAYMENT, ON TOTAL ORDER OF APPROXIMATELY 6 MILLION DOLLARS, TO ENABLE SMITH AND WESSON TO BEGIN PRODUCTION. HE WILLING PROVIDE THIS ADVANCE BUT IS NOW NEGOTIATING TERMS OF LOAN AND REPAYMENT GUARANTEE IN EVENT SMITH AND WESSON UNABLE DELIVER SCOPES.

2. COMPLETION OF THIS STRANGE TRANSACTION STILL SEEMS TO BE POSSIBLE BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE AND DEPARTMENT CAREFULLY MONITOR ALL ASPECTS OF THIS AFFAIR ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

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